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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan  
May- June 2007 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from May 19, through June 20, 2007, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Progress Report No. 10**  
**May 19, 2007, Through June 20, 2007**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property. This report covers work conducted from May 19, 2007, through June 20, 2007.

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:

- On June 1, Weyerhaeuser responded to the U.S. EPA's request for the documents that were referenced in the Draft RI/FS Work Plan for the Plainwell Mill.
- On June 6, Weyerhaeuser and U.S. EPA representatives met to introduce key personnel, to discuss potential emergency response activities for sections of the Kalamazoo River bank along the Plainwell Mill property, and to discuss the possibility of preparing a multi-area Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for all work to be performed by Weyerhaeuser at the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site, including the Plainwell Mill. The parties also exchanged information related to other recent activities in connection with the Plainwell Mill, in addition to issues related to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill.
- The multi-area QAPP preparation was initiated. A draft of the multi-area QAPP was prepared for submittal to U.S. EPA by June 21, 2007. The initial focus on the multi-area QAPP was on the Former Powerhouse Channel Residuals removal activities. Further addenda, including a series of QAPP work sheets to address the Plainwell Mill RI/FS activities will be submitted after receipt of comments.
- The City and Weyerhaeuser are moving forward with Step 4 of the Integrated Process, which is to integrate the information obtained from previous steps in the process including the Developer's Forum, into an updated land use options plan for the mill site. The City will initiate this step with assistance from the planner, JJR. An overview of the work completed to date and next steps was sent to U.S. EPA in a joint letter dated June 18.

2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- No data were collected.

3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):

- No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.

4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:

- None.

5. Summary of Problems/Challenges Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:

- None.

6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:

- Consistent with the preference expressed by the U.S. EPA during the meeting on June 6, 2007, Weyerhaeuser has decided to develop a multi-area QAPP for all work to be performed by Weyerhaeuser at the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund site, including the Plainwell Mill (OU-7) and 12th Street Landfill (OU-4) operable units. Initially, the multi-area QAPP will focus on the Emergency Response activities, which, at present, involve work at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill and the adjacent former powerhouse channel (also part of OU-4). The multi-area QAPP may be amended or modified in the future to include the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study (RI/FS) Work plan activities at the former Plainwell Mill, possible Emergency Response activities along the Plainwell Mill river banks and required remedial design/remedial action (RD/RA) activities at the Plainwell Mill and the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill.

The Multi-Area QAPP is being prepared in accordance with the 2005 Uniform Federal Policy for Quality Assurance Project Plans, which uses a different format than that employed for the Plainwell Mill-specific QAPP that was submitted in September 2006 as part of the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan for the Plainwell Mill RI. Upon receipt of comments from the U.S. EPA on the Plainwell Mill-specific QAPP, Weyerhaeuser will address the agency's comments in an amendment or modification to the multi-area QAPP.

Weyerhaeuser anticipates submitting the initial version of the multi-area QAPP to the U.S. EPA on or about June 21. An expedited review is requested in order to maintain the schedule for implementation of the planned emergency response activities at the 12<sup>th</sup> Street Landfill and the adjacent former powerhouse channel.

- Weyerhaeuser and the U.S. EPA will continue discussions regarding potential emergency response activities for sections of the river bank along the Plainwell Mill. As appropriate, design activities may be implemented to support an administrative decision.
- Weyerhaeuser and the City submitted a joint letter to the U.S. EPA dated June 18, describing the progress to date and plans for future activities related to the development of an integrated plan for remediation and redevelopment at the Plainwell Mill property. The integrated plan is expected to form the basis for confirming and/or refining the objectives for the RI at the mill. The City is continuing with to develop a city based preferred land use diagram with assistance from JJR. Once this plan is developed, Weyerhaeuser and the city will meet to discuss developing a consensus plan. While these activities are moving forward, Weyerhaeuser will consider any available land use planning information when considering bank reconfiguration options and assessing the results of the initial sampling activities presented in the Draft RI/FS Work Plan. As appropriate, additional RI/FS data may be collected in a subsequent phase of work.
- On September 29, Weyerhaeuser submitted the Draft RI/FS Work Plan and the Draft Sampling and Analysis Plan to the U.S. EPA for review. On November 20, the U.S. EPA provided preliminary comments on the Draft Health and Safety Plan. When comments on other components of these documents are provided by the U.S. EPA, Weyerhaeuser will review and begin addressing them, pursuant to the schedule contained in the SOW.

7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:

- None.

8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:

- None are needed.

9. Other Relevant Information:

- None.